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The Laying of the Corner Stone  
OF THE  
William Rainey Harper  
Memorial Library



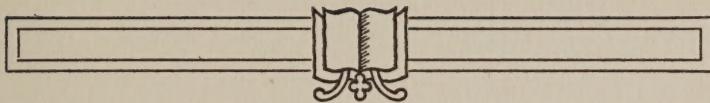
Ten o'clock  
June Fourteenth, Nineteen Hundred Ten

Hebraic-minded in Teutonic frame,  
Great toiler, builder great, and greater friend,  
Creative hope, aspiring like a flame,  
Wielder of power to power's most noble end,  
Live! live in us, brave spirit, teaching still  
The broader vision and the braver act.  
And in that valley of the staff and rod,  
Teach us the hero's will,  
Who smiles from lips by human anguish racked,  
And dies firm-trusting in a human God.

—*E. H. Lewis, Ph.D. '94*







## The Procession

### Introductory Statement

The President

### Official Record of the Articles Placed within the Corner Stone

Thomas Wakefield Goodspeed, D.D.,  
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

### The Laying of the Corner Stone

Mrs. William Rainey Harper

### The Corner Stone Addresses

Clement Walker Andrews, A.M.,  
Librarian of the John Crerar Library

Ernest DeWitt Burton, D.D.,  
Professor and Head of the Department of New  
Testament Literature and Interpretation

### The Prayer

Charles Richmond Henderson, Ph.D., D.D.,  
University Chaplain

### The Recession

With the William Rainey Harper Memorial Library will be connected on the level of the top or reading room floor the buildings to the west for Classics and Modern Languages, those to the east for History and Philosophy, and by stone bridges those to the north, Haskell and Law. The building, 246 feet long and 60 feet wide, consists of a central section flanked on the east and west by rectangular towers, each approximately 60 by 50 feet and about 20 feet higher than Mitchell Tower. The towers will be occupied by stack rooms in the basement and first floors, and above by reading rooms, offices, and special rooms of various kinds. Eventually the central section will have four floors of stacks, one floor of library offices. The top floor will be devoted exclusively to the great reading room, approximately 54 by 160 feet. There will be a suite of rest rooms for women on the second floor, and a conversation and smoking room for men in the east tower. The ultimate book capacity will be approximately one million volumes. On the first floor will be a beautiful lecture room, to be called the Harper Assembly Room. Just north of the library will be a statue of President Harper.

The Seventy-fifth Convocation will be held  
in the Frank Dickinson Bartlett Gymnasium at  
eleven o'clock. The address will be delivered  
by the Reverend Frank Wakely Gunsaulus, D.D.,  
LL.D., President of the Armour Institute of  
Technology. Subject: "A Great Library."



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